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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FER14669.001	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/US2004/003575	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 30 January 2004 (30.01.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 07 February 2003 (07.02.2003)	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC 7 A61L 2/16, 2/23, B29B 9/00, 9/16, C08J 3/12, A61K 9/14			
Applicant FERRO CORPORATION			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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		Date of mailing (day/month/year)	13 SEP 2004
Applicant's or agent's file reference FER14669.001		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing

table(s) related to the sequence listing

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contained in international application as filed.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Claims 1-20 YES

Claims **NONE** NO

Inventive step (IS) Claims 1-20 YES

Claims NONE NO

Industrial applicability (IA) Claims 1-20 YES

Claims: None NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the method and apparatus set forth in the claims. The closest prior art is Sievers et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,639,441). Sievers teaches the formation of fine particles through a method where the solid materials are dissolved in a polar liquid and then contacted with a supercritical fluid. This is contrary to applicant's method where the solid material is first contacted with a supercritical fluid and then contacted with a polar liquid. Regarding the apparatus, Sievers fails to teach the presence of a means disposed within the vessel for forming an emulsion. Sievers teaches that emulsions are formed through contact of the supercritical fluid and polar liquid.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.